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All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, April 11-Roast, Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert

Wednesday, April 13-Polish Sausage, Blackeyed Peas, Cole-slaw, Cornbread, Dessert

Friday, April 15-Stew, Cornbread, Cottage Cheese, Pears, Cake

Menu subject to change.

Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255.

A Weapons of Mass Destruction Training session will be held at the Showbarn in Silverton Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

LE and EMS personnel will get continuing education credit for taking part in this exercise.

The National Wild Turkey Federation is a national non-profit conservation organization whose mission is the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition.

You are invited to join in the fun of the Bob Wills Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation banquet Saturday, April 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Bob Wills Center in Turkey, Texas. You'll enjoy a great evening and a delicious meal, in addition to the chance at winning many nice door prizes, the chance to win one of at least nine guns, join in on auctions, raffles and silent auctions. The products you'll win or buy are top-quality framed artwork, bronze sculptures, guns, lamps and more. The NWTF banquets are where you can buy exclusive merchandise and have a great time with friends. All the while, you will be raising vital funds for wild turkey conservation and important programs that introduce the outdoors to women, children and the disabled.

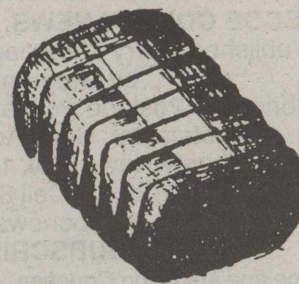
For ticket information, phone Cody Bell at 806-423-1276, or Gail at City Hall, 423-1033. A corporate table can be obtained for businesses, or you may buy single tickets.

Find out about the National Wild Turkey Federation at NWTF.org.

You can see pictures of many of the prizes that will be available on the website at www.turkeytexas.com, click on the NWTF link.

Virtue is its own reward.

Cicero



Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005

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Fred Strange (left) was presented a certificate in recognition of his being chosen as Citizen of the Year by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented by Kyle Fuston (right) at the annual banquet Saturday night.
Briscoe County News Photo

Have the Pink Flamingos Come To Your House?

Have you been pink flamingoed yet? They have migrated in to help with the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. To flamingo your friends for a great cause, call Patsy Towe, 823-2482, or Juannah Jennings, 823-2370. In order to have the flamingos removed from your yard, you must pay a "bird removal" fee of a donation. At that time you may request the next hosting yard for the flamingos. All donations will go to the American Cancer Society and in turn be used for Briscoe County residents only.

If you are concerned about the flamingos returning to your yard, ask about our insurance policy when the flamingos are picked up.

Please join in the fun and give us a call today!

Young Adults Need To Consider Insurance

Health problems can occur at any time. College students on their own for the first time need to think about medical insurance. Students may be covered by their parent's health insurance, while some colleges and universities provide limited health care as another option. But, that should be carefully inves-

Junior Class To Serve Sunday Lunch

The Junior Class will be having a brisket dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, April 10, in the Silverton School Cafeteria.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Take-out meals will be available.

Cost per plate is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Veterinarian To Be Here to Vaccinate Pets on April 16

Dr. Guy Ellis from Clarendon will be at City Hall Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to hold the annual vaccination clinic for dogs and cats.

Fees for the veterinary services include: For Cats: Rabies, \$10.00; FVRCP, \$17.00; FeLeuk, \$12.00; For Dogs: Rabies, \$10.00; DHLPP, \$17.00; Lyme, \$12.00.

Dr. Ellis also will have flea and tick products and wormer medicine. Please make plans to bring your pets in to get them protected.

Some jobs offer insurance; Extension recommends asking at the interview. In any case, young adults should check on their insurance status before leaving home.

Provided by David Hawkins, CEA-Ag

Briscoe Clinic to Close April 29

Rural Health Grant funding for the Briscoe County Clinic in Silverton expires on April 30, 2005. Efforts to seek additional funding and/or support through other agencies, both local and federal, have proven unsuccessful. In the absence of additional financial support and/or a viable business partnership, South Plains Health Provider has made the difficult decision to discontinue Clinic Operations effective Friday, April 29, 2005.

The Organization's goal throughout the closure process is to keep patients and the community informed and to ensure continuity of care as medically appropriate.

Should you wish to obtain a free copy of your individual medical record, you may do so in person at the Briscoe County Clinic through Friday, May 6, 2005. After that date, clinic medical records will be

transferred and reassigned to the organization's central medical records storage facility in Plainview. To obtain a copy of your medical record after May 6, please contact Plainview Medical Records Department at 1-800-766-8599.

Should you wish to schedule a follow-up appointment with a provider at an alternate South Plains Health Provider location, you may do so by contacting any one of the organization's following locations:

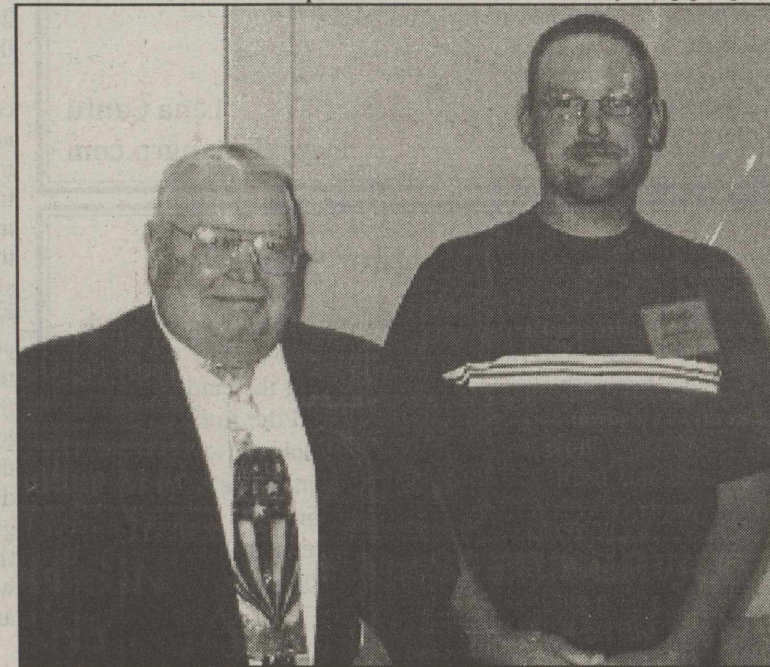
Plainview Clinic, 1-800-765-8599; Matador Clinic, 806-347-2641; Amarillo Martin Road Clinic, 806-374-7341.

"While the organization regrets this decision, it greatly appreciates your patronage and support this past three years," said Rick C. Love, MPA, MBA, Chief Executive Officer, South Plains Health Provider Organization, Inc.

Briscoe County Stock Show Group to Meet

A Briscoe County Show Show Board meeting will be held Monday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton. Everyone who has an interest in the stock show is welcome to attend and all who are present

are eligible to vote. Officers will be elected, judges for the 2006 show will be chosen, and various stock show rules will be discussed. Please take advantage of this opportunity to be part of a county-wide effort for the young people.



Elton Cantwell (left) was re-elected as a director of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative and Brad West (right) received a ten-year service award at the annual meeting held in Tulia Friday night.

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Debbie Holt Recalls Cancer Experience

My encounter with cancer in 1992 came on the heels of one of the most joyous of human events—the birth of a child. “Mountain top” experiences often decline into “valley” seasons of life. We had blended two families together seven years prior to my diagnosis and between us, already had four sons. In 1991, we were favored by the birth of a fifth son—who belonged to all of us. What a blessing this was to our family! Therefore the “C” diagnosis was doubly devastating.

Around 1990, I had a “baseline” mammogram due to a high incidence of breast cancer cases on my father’s mother’s side of the family. I received a caution to follow up with another film in six months. Due to the hectic schedule I was living at that point, the doctor’s advice was neglected. In the next

year or so, we became parents again.

By the Grace of God, the warning was finally heeded when our youngest son was 14 months old and I went to another location for a “follow up” film. I’ll never forget the eerie feeling I got when the radiologist’s office tracked me down, while shopping, to encourage me to return a call to them. Their urgency instigated a “wake-up call” within me that impressed me to follow through this time.

My primary physician referred me to a surgeon in Lubbock, who, amazingly, was very passive with his opinion. He was “99%” convinced that this was merely a by-product of the pregnancy. But that initial wake-up alarm had sent me on a mission and I opted not to delay a biopsy. Near the end of this procedure, I was very unsettled to



James Tiffin, a senior in Silverton High School, was presented as winner of the essay contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at the annual banquet Saturday night. He read his essay to the large crowd assembled in the school cafeteria. *Briscoe County News Photo*

hear the surgeon and nurses whispering in hushed tones.

Upon observing his solemn expression as he entered my room to discuss results, I knew the Lord was behind this urgency I was sensing. I knew the discussion that was about to take place and as he took my hand, he said, “We need to talk.” He was very apologetic and thankful that I’d been led to take action rather than postpone things for awhile. He recommended an oncologist who came to finalize plans for chemo after the surgery. I was told that since there was one lymph node of involvement, that this was an early stage 2 cancer (out of 5 stages) and that the prognosis was good.

During the chemo, it was as if a comforting blanket of protection and peace was over me and it remained throughout six “rounds” of treatment, which was a preventive measure because of the spread to the one lymph node. There were side effects, such as a thyroid deficiency which developed and uncomfortable interference with hormones! Yet, thirteen years down the road as a cancer survivor, I can look up to Heaven and thank God that our (then) 14-month-old toddler is now a 14-year-old 8th grader; I can joyously relive all of the wonderful memories that we’ve been allowed to experience as a family and as individuals.

I thank Him for the Victory over this fearful disease and all I’ve gained as a result. The fear and dread I felt back then fades with each passing year of blessed life

Happy Birthday-

- April 7-Cip Garcia, Ty Reed, Bill Baker, Rose Lee McCoy, Linda Preston, Tonnette Perkins
- April 8-Sidney Taylor Taitano, Clifford Oldham, Lance Smith, Bryan Breedlove
- April 9-Kevin McLeland, Micki Jasper, Jared Robert Fudge, Janet Mercer
- April 10-Debra Smith, Allison Turner, Amber Oldham, Donna McWaters, Robert Gragson, Joseph M. Klein, sr.
- April 11-Josh Brooks
- April 12-Cindy Johnson, Marvin Self, James Ortiz
- April 13-Kelly Ryan Bomar, Linda McWilliams Miller, April DeLeon

Happy Anniversary-

- April 8-Mr. and Mrs. Zane Mayfield
- April 11-Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith


pitals and tend gardens outside hospices. For more information about the Master Gardener program, visit aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/mastergd/.
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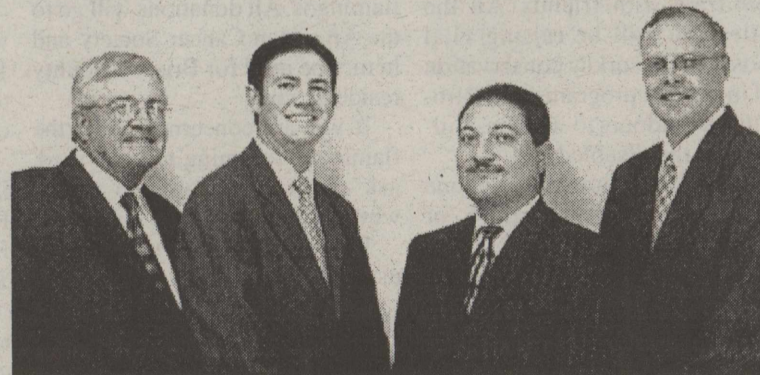
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On the Lighter Side

A new business was opening and one of the owner’s friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card, “Rest in Peace.” The owner was angry and called the florist to complain. After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist replied, “Sir, I’m really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry you imagine this: Somewhere, there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying ‘Congratulations on your new location!’”

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

March 14, 1996-A runoff will be necessary between Incumbent Dick Roehr and Deputy Jerry Beck to determine the Democratic candidate for sheriff of Briscoe County . . . Lori Brannon and Dedra Johnston selected for the Six-Man All-Region basketball team . . . Candidates being sought for City, School positions . . . Riely Yates taken by death . . . Rock Creek Church to have Spring Meeting . . . Jenny Young had the top entry in the fifth grade division of the Elementary Science Fair last week . . . The entry of Daryl-Ann Reynolds was judged best among the fourth graders in the Elementary Science Fair . . . Third-grader Max Comer submitted the project that was judged best in the third grade division of the Elementary Science Fair . . . Youth Basketball program set to begin . . . Teams do well in season's first track meet at Groom . . . Trey Wyatt receives awards for Best Essay and Finalist in Beef Scramble Scrapbook Contest at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Beef Scramble Banquet . . .

March 13, 1986-Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Tiffin are parents of a daughter, Hanna Chelee . . . Officers of the Silverton PTA are Julie Loy, president; Darrah McCammon, vice president; Debbie Montague and Raye Smith, co-vice presidents; Donna Francis, secretary-treasurer; Ann Payne, reporter . . . Clay Schott and Jamie Frizzell had successfully captured calves in the scrambles at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo . . . A family birthday lunch was served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lowrey, Shavonne and Frank Sunday. Those honored include Max Garrison, Pascal Garrison, George Seaney and Gordon Lowrey . . . Annette Vaughan receives national oil painting recognition . . .

March 11, 1976-Wilma Lewis, 49, buried Wednesday . . . Mrs. Oscar Weeks is a patient at Highland Hospital in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard visited her at the hospital Sunday afternoon while Missy and Amy spent the afternoon with their grandmother and uncle, Mildred Brooks and Roy Brooks . . . Dayne Mayfield won first place in the discus, easily outdistancing all other competitors at Lorenzo last Saturday, and Randy Clay won first in his hurdles competition . . . Roy Morrison, student teacher at Dumas High School, is completing his require-

ments for a teaching certificate by teaching P. E. and biology at DHS . . . Johnnie Lanham is continuing to receive treatment in Houston . . . A. W. Payne dies at age 67 . . . Pamela McGavock, six-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor McGavock, will be admitted to Childrens' Hospital in Dallas March 24 for further tests and treatment . . .

March 17, 1966-The SHS sprint relay team was made up of Bailey Loyd, Skip Gallington, Tim Mattheus and Doug Turner . . . Elaine Boyles to receive State Degree in homemaking . . . Members of the FFA Livestock Judging Team that won fourth place at Pampa are Howard Tomlin, Roger Bingham, Leland Wood and Buddy Comer. Comer was fifth highest scoring individual in the contest . . . Airman John M. Perkins, son of Marion Perkins of Silverton, has been selected for training at Amarillo AFB, as an Air Force supply specialist . . . Seaman Recruit Dwin D. Davis, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis, has completed seven weeks of Navy basic training in San Diego, California . . . Mr. and Mrs. Deleath Peugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peugh were in Amarillo Monday night when Kenneth Peugh left by plane for San Antonio to begin in basic training at Lackland Air Force Base . . . Mrs. Sam Hunt and Mrs. Horace Vines visited Mrs. Ruby Minyard last week . . .

March 15, 1956-Several high school boys received cuts and bruises when a pick-up truck overturned in the south part of town last Friday. Ronald Ledbetter and Dwain Henderson were taken to a doctor for treatment then and again on Monday and were out of school a few days . . . Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins are parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, March 13, weighing seven pounds and four ounces . . . Mmes. Ray Thompson, H. P. Rampley and J. K. Bean attended the grand opening of a John Deere Implement business in Olton on Monday . . . Grand champion honors won by an 840-pound steer shown by David Schott and reserve champion went to James Roy Brown for a 920-pound Hereford at the Briscoe County Stock Show. Grand champion barrow belonged to Verlon Hamilton, and Dewey Estes showed the reserve champion. First place in the lamb division went to Don Cornett. Winner of two steers by one exhibitor was Robert Hill with a fine pair of Hereford steers . . . The Student of the

Week is Sharon Gilkeyson. She is a senior and a member of FHA. She is basketball queen, football queen, class favorite, most athletic and best all-around. She has played basketball four years. Her favorite hobby is swimming. Her favorite pastime is riding. Her favorite food is fried chicken. . . Rex Vaughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Veral Vaughan, was seriously injured recently when kicked by a horse . . . Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baird and children attended the funeral of her paternal grandfather in Earth Monday afternoon . . . Messrs. and Mmes. Carl Dean Bomar and Don Burson visited their uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bomar, in Lubbock Sunday afternoon . . .

March 12, 1936-Boy Scout Troop to be organized in Silverton . . . One of Silverton's leading cafes, formerly operated by Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk, changed hands this week. Mr. Andrew Edwards was the buyer and the restaurant will be known as Edwards' Cafe . . . Joe Thomas McCutchen, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Slats McCutchen, passed away Sunday night in the Turkey hospital. The pallbearers were Joe Brooks, Houston Brooks, Hudie McClendon and Jim Brooks. The flower girls were Opal Ruth Yocum, Maggie Vardell and Mary Sue McWilliams . . . Millie Jean Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hill, was taken to the Turkey hospital Monday morning for a tonsil operation . . . Mrs. Joe Mercer is visiting her sister in Fort Worth this week . . . Iwana Simpson visited in Amarillo Wednesday . . . Jack Montague attended the Cattleman's Convention in Amarillo Friday and Saturday . . . Bob Hill and Miss Weta Haley

Junior High Zone Track Meet Finished Monday

The Junior High Zone Track Meet which began in Silverton on Thursday of last week, was completed Monday afternoon of this week. The postponement of events was due to the weather.

Complete results are not yet available, but it is known that the Silverton boys won the meet. They made a very good showing, including winning several relay events.

Integrity begins with a person being willing to be honest with himself.

Cort R. Flint

A single conversation across the table with a wise man is worth a month's study of books.

Chinese proverb

Nature does not bestow virtue; to be good is an art.

Seneca

attended the Beauty Culture School at Amarillo Tuesday . . .

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 11-Chicken Tetrizini, Salad, Bread, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, April 12-Chili Cheese Fries, Beans, Bread, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, April 13-Ham Slice, Potato Salad, Corn, Bread, Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, April 14-Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly, Milk

Friday, April 15-Hamburger, Cheese Fries, Salad, Jello, Milk

A man need not extol his virtues, nor comment on his failings; his friends know the former, and his enemies will search out the latter.

Charles B. Rogers

Virtue is like health; the harmony of the whole man.

Thomas Carlyle

A barking dog is often more useful than a sleeping lion.

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Questions and Discussion Welcomed and Encouraged

Friday, April 8
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Why did Jesus Die?

Saturday, April 9
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
How did Jesus Die?

Sunday, April 10
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Who Really Killed Jesus?

For more information, contact the Silverton Church of Christ at (806) 823-2060

www.silvertonchurchofchrist.com

WEATHER

Readings Taken at
6:00 a.m. during March

	High	Low	Precip.
1	61	25	
2	51	26	
3	63	25	
4	66	30	.31
5	62	35	
6	58	37	
7	61	42	
8	62	30	
9	68	31	
10	65	32	
11	64	29	
12	66	29	
13	82	33	
14	51	32	.06
15	44	29	.18
16	31	28	.45
17	43	26	
18	62	27	
19	62	34	

20	57	35	
21	71	35	
22	60	39	
23	58	28	
24	66	27	
25	68	37	
26	55	34	
27	35	29	.25
28	60	30	
29	80	33	
30	75	33	
31	68	32	
March Precipitation			1.25
Normal Mar. Precip.			.93
Total Precip. in 2005			3.13
Normal Precip. to Date			2.23
Soil Temperature			52°

Project Graduation Donations Sought

Donations are being sought to help with Project Graduation 2005. Door prizes, gifts, food and admission charges for the activities are paid for with donations made by parents, friends and supporters of this project.

It was determined that traffic crashes, half of which involve alcohol and other drugs, are a leading cause of death and serious injury for young people (ages 15-19). Therefore the State of Texas and interested citizens are supporting "Project Graduation," a program promoting drug/alcohol-free parties for high school students. The Texas Department of Transportation pledges \$250.00 each year to provide mini-grants as "seed money" to high schools who support Project Graduation activities, and concerned citizens are asked to join in.

Project Graduation committee's purpose is to offer students the opportunity to have drug/alcohol-free celebrations in lieu of traditional drinking parties. It is hoped this effort will curb deaths and disabilities associated with drinking, taking drugs and driving.

This year's Project Graduation will be held following the graduation ceremony Friday, May 27. All high school students who have signed up to attend will board school buses for a trip to Plainview. Pizza will be first on the agenda, followed by bowling and skating. Food will be provided throughout the evening. The group will return to Silverton around 6:00 a.m. for breakfast at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall before going home.

All high school students will be required to submit a permission form signed by themselves and their parents by the sign-up deadline. No one will be allowed to leave the group before breakfast on Saturday morning.

Donations may be mailed to Michelle Francis, RR 1 Box 54A, Silverton, Texas 79257 or given to Ramona Martin at the school.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have just returned home from attending the Silverton Chamber of Commerce Banquet, and I am in awe how so few people can organize such a perfect evening. There was evidence as you walked in the door of many hours gathering door prizes. I think everyone there received a gift but myself, but that was alright because the banquet was a gift within itself. Then we enjoyed the most delicious brisket you could ever hope for (and all the trimmings) that was prepared by the Forbes family. They had prepared extra briskets so I bought one so we can continue to enjoy it for awhile longer. I highly recommend them to anyone who needs a brisket. After the presentation of the "Citizen of the Year" to a much deserved person, Fred Strange, we were treated to one of the best speakers I have heard in quite some time, our very own Penni Fogerson Bentley. Penni was worried about following Doppler Dave from last year but that's one worry she can eliminate from her worry bank. She gave a wonderful presentation on how you can attract tourism, and mixed a lot of wit along with the information.

Now, to end this with one sentence, If you missed the Chamber banquet, you missed the "event of the year!"

Sincerely, Maebelle

Tough But Beautiful

(NAPSA)-A durable wood finish could add a perfect touch that complements any décor.

Powder coated finishes offer design freedoms other finishing methods don't. You can now get a unique office desk, computer console, entertainment center or child's play center with the sturdiness and warmth of wood.

In addition to appliances and fixtures, powder coating can be found on easy-to-clean, durable medium-density fiberboard cabinets and other kitchen and bath products. The powder coating process, used on MDF, is being tested on hardwoods, such as beech, oak, ash and walnut.

A powder coated finish also protects wood furniture from stains, chips, spills and scratches; it promises value, beauty and easy care for years to come.

One-More-Time Jamboree

July 9, 7:00 p.m.

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Clint Philpott and Amelia Williams

Couple to Marry May 28 in Howe

Bill and Ann Philpott of Lubbock are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their son, Clint Philpott, to Amelia Williams, daughter of Bruce and Nila Williams of Denison.

The couple plan to be married on May 28, 2005, at First Methodist Church in Howe.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in Civil Engineering and is employed

by Halff and Associates of Dallas. He is the grandson of Juanita Howard of Silverton and Jackie Philpott of Lubbock, and is a great-nephew of Othel Long of Silverton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Howe High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in Marketing. She is the granddaughter of Pallie Williams of Denison and Paul and Virginia Trotter of Whitesboro.

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By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Briscoe County in the following cases on the 28th day of February 2005, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of April, 2005, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the official door of the Courthouse of said Briscoe County, in the City of Silverton, Texas, the following described property located in Briscoe County, to-wit:

Cause No. 3045 Silverton Independent School District vs. Garvin Billy Wayne DBA Garvin Oil Co

TRACT 1: All of the South one-half (S/2) of the West two feet (W/2) of Lot No. Seventeen (17) and the South one-half (S/2) of Lots Nos. Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19), all in Block No. Twenty-three (23), in the Original Town of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas

Levied on the 28th day of February, 2005 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of City of Silverton, Silverton Independent School District, Briscoe County and Mackenzie Water Authority.

All bidders must register with the tax office prior to Sheriff's Sale.

Given under my hand this 28th day of February, 2005.

/s/Jeff Fuston

Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas
11-3tc

**The Storm Warning System Will be Tested
(weather permitting)
Saturday, April 9th, at 10:00 A.M.
by the Silverton Vol. Fire Dept.**

Tornado Safety Rules

Decide in advance on a primary and secondary shelter. A storm cellar is best; there is no universal protection against tornadoes except underground facilities. There are no public tornado shelters in Castro County.

If you can't get to your primary shelter in time, then go to your secondary shelter.

In cities and towns, a tornado alert is signaled by a long, sustained blast of the fire siren. Safety officials will try to sound the alert in time for you to reach shelter.

IN HOMES:

—Go to the storm cellar or basement and get under something sturdy.

—If an underground shelter is not available, go to an interior, well-braced room that does not have windows. Closets, bathrooms and hallways are usually best.

—Wrap yourself with blankets, pillows or a mattress for protection against flying glass and debris.

IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND MULTI-STORY OFFICE BUILDINGS:

—Seek shelter in the basement or on the lowest floor, in an interior room—the smaller the better. Stay away from windows.

IN MOBILE HOMES:

—Abandon the mobile home and go to the nearest shelter or permanent building.

—If there is no nearby shelter, lie flat in a ditch and cover your head.

IN SCHOOLS:

—If school building is of strongly reinforced construction, stay

inside, away from windows. Remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. **AVOID GYMNASIUMS AND AUDITORIUMS**—they usually have poorly supported roofs!

IN FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS:

On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection and least hazard.

IN VEHICLES:

—Get out of the vehicle and go to the nearest shelter area.

—Lie flat in a ditch or low place if shelter is unavailable.

—Do not attempt to outrun the tornado.

IN OPEN COUNTRY:

—Lie flat in the lowest area possible—such as a ditch or ravine—and cover your head.

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:

—Keep calm. It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado.

—Remember, even though a warning has been issued, the chances of a tornado striking your particular home or location are still slight. A tornado's path is relatively narrow, and sturdy structures are seldom totally demolished. But give yourself every advantage you can.

—Stay tuned to your radio or TV station for latest tornado advisory information. If you have a scanner radio, keep it with you. Do not call the Weather Service, except to report a tornado, because your individual request may tie up phone lines that are urgently needed to relay advisories to radio and TV stations in the critical area.

Lightning Storm Safety Rules

—Move indoors immediately.

—Do not use hand-held electrical appliances, including the telephone, except for emergencies.

—Stay away from windows, doors, chimneys and other connections to the outside.

—Do not bathe or take a shower until the storm passes.

—Do not allow children to play outdoors during a thunderstorm.

IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

—Stay away from isolated tall objects and structures, including trees.

—Avoid open areas that will cause you to project above the surrounding land surface.

—Do not stand near wire fences, clotheslines, pipes or other metal surfaces which could conduct the lightning current from a distance.

—If you are in your car, stay there—it offers excellent protection.

—Stay away from tractors and farm equipment.

—In a forest or wooded area, get under a group of SMALL trees.

ON THE GOLF COURSE:

—Put down clubs, remove spiked shoes and head for a shelter.

—Avoid open areas and trees.

—Move away from golf carts.

NEAR WATER:

—If swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a shelter.

—Boaters should head for shore immediately.

—Fishermen should put down rods and move away from the water.

IN ANY LOCATION:

—Regardless of your location, a tingling sensation on your skin or hair standing on end may indicate that lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees immediately but do not lie flat on the ground.

—A person struck by lightning may sometimes be revived with prompt first aid treatment. Administer CPR on victims until qualified medical help arrives.

Tornado Facts

April, May and June are the peak months of tornado activity.

Most tornadoes touch down in the late afternoon or early evening, between 3 p.m. and midnight.

The average tornado is on the ground for less than 15 minutes, travels about 6 miles, and moves at a rate close to 30 mph.

Tornadoes usually form in the southwestern quadrant of a severe thunderstorm.

Weak tornadoes may be only a few yards wide and contain winds less than 75 mph, but the most intense tornadoes may be more than a mile wide with winds approaching 300 mph.

Depending on the available light, a tornado funnel may appear almost black in color or sometimes nearly pure white.

Large hail sometimes (but not always) precedes a tornado.

Most tornadoes rotate in a counterclockwise direction.

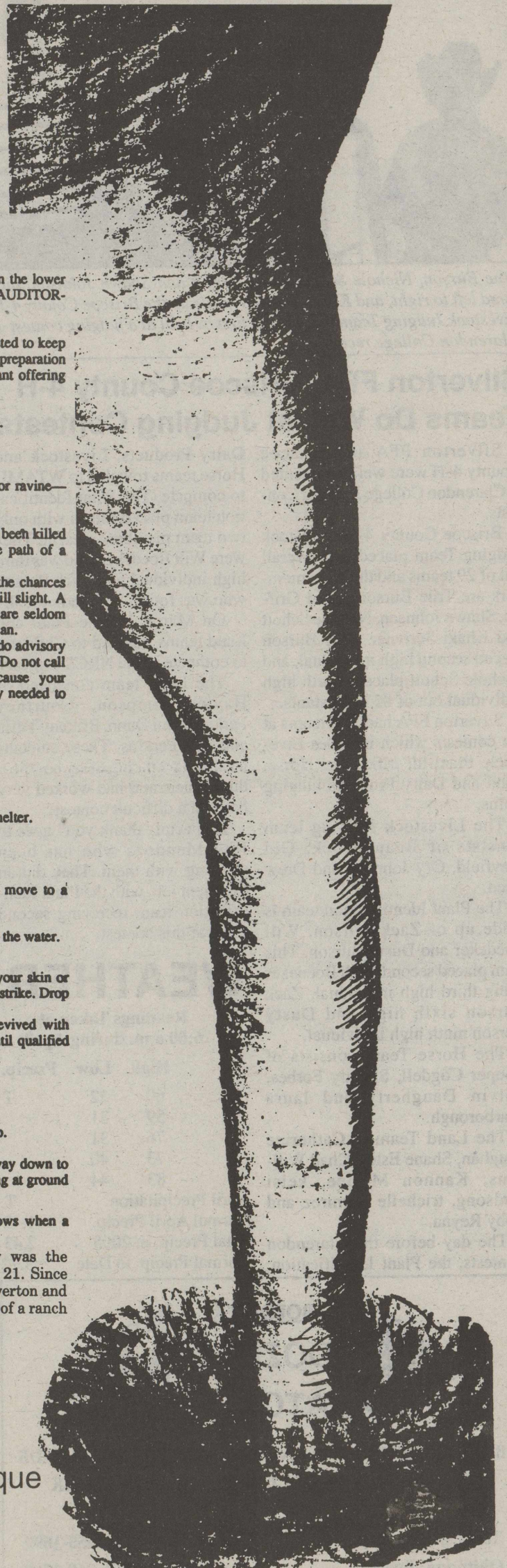
A funnel-shaped cloud does not need to extend all the way down to ground level to cause a tornado. If debris is sighted whirling at ground level beneath a funnel, a dangerous tornado is in progress.

Authorities now say that you should NOT open windows when a tornado approaches.

The worst tornado in Briscoe County history was the Silverton tornado on May 15, 1957, which killed 21. Since that time, there have been several tornadoes in Silverton and the rural area, with the worst killing four members of a ranch family.

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True Burson, Nichole Schott, Cord Griffin and Shawn Johnson, pictured left to right, and Khaki Scrivner made up the Briscoe County 4-H Livestock Judging Team that placed first overall at a judging contest at Clarendon College recently.

Silverton FFA, Briscoe County 4-H Teams Do Well at Judging Contests

Silverton FFA and Briscoe County 4-H were well represented at Clarendon College Judging Contests.

Briscoe County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed first overall out of 29 teams and the team members are True Burson, Cord Griffin, Shawn Johnson, Nichole Schott and Khaki Scrivner. True Burson placed second high individual, and Nichole Schott placed fourth high individual out of 85 contestants.

Silverton FFA had five teams at the contests which includes Livestock, Plant Identification, Horse, Land and Dairy Products judging teams.

The Livestock Judging team consists of Beau Brock, Gid Mayfield, Ory Johnson and Drew Reed.

The Plant Identification team is made up of Zack Burson, Will Boedeker and Dusty Burson. This team placed second, with Boedeker being third high individual, Zack Burson sixth high and Dusty Burson ninth high individual.

The Horse Team consists of Cooper Cogdell, Shandy Forbes, Calvin Daugherty and Laura Scarborough.

The Land Team is Catherine Vaughan, Shane Estes, Chad Williams, Kannon McGee, kelsi Birdsong, trichelle Ramirez and Abby Reyna.

The day before the Clarendon Contests, the Plant Identification,

Dairy Products, Livestock and Horse teams traveled to WTAMU to compete. The Plant Identification team placed fourth with only two team members present. They were Will Boedeker who was third high individual and Zack Burson who was fourth high individual.

On March 31, the Plant and Land teams traveled to Childress to compete in the NRCS contests.

The Land team consisted of Haylee Simpson, Courtney Perkins, Ami Dunn, Brittany Tiffin and Zak Perkins. These students had been preparing many hours for this contest and had worked very hard on a difficult contest.

A special "thank you" goes to Jose Mendoza who has been working with them. They did an excellent job, with the Plant Identification team receiving second place at this contest.

WEATHER

Readings Taken at
6:00 a.m. during April

	High	Low	Precip.	
1	60	32		T
2	59	31		
3	76	31		
4	73	40		
5	83	44		
April Precipitation				T
Normal April Precip.				1.49
Total Precip. in 2005				2.43
Normal Precip. to Date				3.72

Wildflower Hotline Is Available Now

Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways have help at their fingertips.

The Texas Department of Transportation's wildflower hotline (800-452-9292) and Internet site (www.dot.state.tx.us) give users information on the best spots to find wildflowers along the 79,000-mile Texas highway system.

The wildflower hotline is active at all times through early May as part of the menu for the road conditions hotline.

To make it easier to find wildflowers in bloom, hotline callers may request information by seven regions of the state: Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney-Woods (East Texas), Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas), and Southwest Texas.

Information on the hotline and Internet comes from TxDOT's maintenance offices, chambers of commerce, and parks officials.

"There should be an above-average crop of bluebonnets statewide," said Ben Bowers of TxDOT Vegetation Management. "However, it may be early April before many of the blossoms appear."

April is considered the prime month for blooming wildflowers.

TxDOT spreads more than 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highway rights of way each year. Each pound contains 30 or more varieties of wildflowers.

The statewide locator map for wildflower blossoms is available on the TxDOT webpage at www.dot.state.tx.us by going to a section titled Wildflower Season in Bloom. The map features "wildflower-power" sites, marked with colored circles representing wildflower varieties.

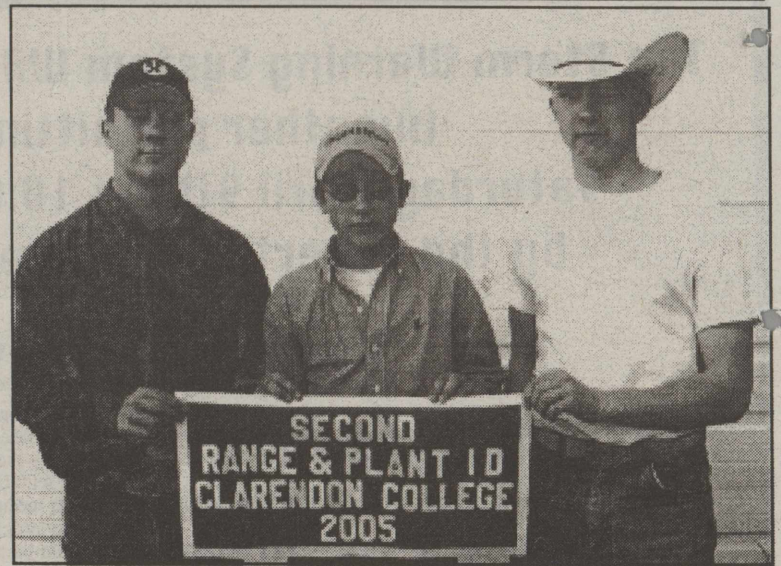
Teaching Children

How to Build Words

(NAPSA)-There's good news for parents who want to make reading fun for their preschool children.

There's an enchanting line of toys filled with fun-loving characters designed to help children make the connection between written and spoken words-the first step in learning how to read.

The Word World toy line uses stories, characters and engaging visuals to demonstrate that words stand for real-life objects, actions and ideas. For example, children combine the letters D-O-G, not just to spell the word "dog," but to create a lovable, playful WordThing toy, with floppy ears and a curly tail.



Zack Burson, Dusty Burson and Will Boedeker, pictured left to right, were winners of a banner at the judging contests at Clarendon College recently.

Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

New York cotton futures offered a muted reaction to the 2005-06 planting intentions report released Thursday, March 31.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) annual survey of growers' planting intentions for 2005-06 fell short of pre-report forecasts as the agency placed anticipated cotton acreage just one percent higher than last year's acreage.

NASS pegged U. S. cotton acreage at 13.8 million acres compared with the 13.6 million acres planted in 2004-05. Growers in six of the 17 principal cotton growing states reported intentions to reduce the area planted to cotton, while the balance registered a modest increase.

A 90,000-acre reduction in Georgia fully offset gains in other parts of the Southeast, bringing the region to 2.9 million acres, a 36,000 acre decrease in the area planted to cotton last year. The Memphis Territory was the only contiguous growing area to record an increase in all states. Producers reported intentions to plant 3.8 million acres, versus 3.4 million in 2004. The 400,000-acre rise was mainly due to Mississippi and Louisiana, where plantings are expected to rise by 140,000 and 120,000 acres, respectively.

The Southwest expects to reduce the area planted to cotton by a net of 145,000 acres, bringing total planted acreage to 6.0 million acres. Texas growers reported

plans to plant just 5.7 million acres to cotton, compared with 5.8 million last year.

Plantings in the Far West were placed at 780,000 acres, 88,000 below the 2004 figure, with reductions in California and Arizona. The reduction in upland cotton acreage in California is due in part to an increase in acreage expected to be planted to pima cotton.

According to analysts, the application of three-year abandonment and yield averages to the NASS figure of 13.8 million acres suggests a 2005-06 crop of approximately 19.6 million bales, compared with the current USDA projection of 23.0 million bales of production in 2004-05.

In other news, USDA reported net export sales of U. S. cotton totaled 155,700 bales in the week ended March 24. The figure was three percent less than the previous week and two percent lower than the four-week average. Major buyers included China, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

U. S. cotton shipments for the week reached another marketing year high at 377,400 bales, eight percent more than the previous week and an 18 percent increase from the four-week average. Primary destinations were Canada, China, Turkey and Mexico.

In the spot cotton market, online sales by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas increased considerably as 57,279 bales traded in the week ended March 31.



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Interested in Rabid Skunks Whitetail Deer? Pose Threat

Texas Deer Association is having a Regional Meeting in Lubbock Saturday, April 9, 2005, at River Smith's Chicken-Catfish.

Meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. Discussions will follow.

Texas Deer Association's primary goal is to improve the overall Texas deer experience for all enthusiasts by promoting better management, education, research and regulations needed by deer managers and deer hunters. This includes low-fenced properties,

A daylight sighting of skunks is a good reason to think the animal might be rabid, said Ken Cearley, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist for the High Plains and Trans-Pecos regions of Texas.

Almost anyone who spends time outdoors may encounter a rabid animal, but hunters who sit on the ground much of the time are particularly vulnerable, Cearley said.

cooperatives, and high-fenced properties. Please call 210-767-8300 to RSVP and for directions.

Cases have occurred in Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Deaf Smith, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Swisher and Ochiltree counties. Some of these counties hadn't reported a case of rabies in more than 30 years.

Not all animals with rabies will show up with foaming mouth and a growl like Old Yeller, Cearley said. Some may act downright friendly at first, and then clamp down on you when you least suspect it.

The animal may be quite approachable, Cearley said, or even come to you instead of fleeing--a dead giveaway that something is haywire.

If you are bitten or have in any way been exposed to an animal suspected of having rabies, report it to your physician immediately, he said. If possible, keep the carcass of the animal involved for testing. Ideally, the head should be left intact and submitted for testing.

When handling a carcass of a potentially rabid animal, people should avoid getting saliva on open wounds and mucus membranes of the eyes, nose or mouth. Any veterinarian can ship the animal to Austin for testing.

Humans who have been bitten have to undergo five shots of vaccine, plus a shot of rabies immunoglobulin on their first visit to the

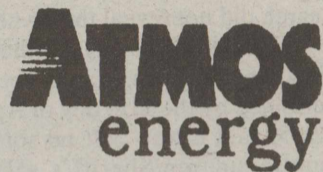
physician. Prevention is important. All pets and certain high-value livestock should be vaccinated.

The habit of saving is itself an education; it fosters every virtue, teaches self-denial, cultivates the sense of order, trains to forethought and so broadens the mind.

Theodore T. Munger

The road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom; for we never know what is enough until we know what is more than enough.

William Blake



NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates will apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current Bill (1)	Proposed Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn of new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):			
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$29.50	\$37.50	\$8.00
Dishonored Check Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35.25	\$48.00	\$12.75
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$39.00	\$56.25	\$17.25

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

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Ralph Waldo Emerson

It requires wisdom to understand wisdom; the music is nothing if the audience is deaf.

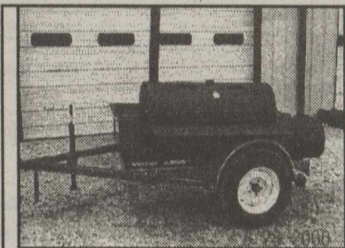
Walter Lippmann

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We want to thank everyone for all the nice things they have done for us since I have been ill; to those who went to the hospital, for the prayers, food, telephone calls, visits, flowers, books, cards and letters. We love and appreciate every one of you.

My rehab is going to work. Thank you, and may God bless and keep each one of you.

Love in Christ,
Dean and Theta Rowell

The family of Lucy McDaniel wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to all who were so gracious to offer food, visits and all forms of support in our time of need. Lucy loved each and every one of you. God bless you.

Lewis, Gene, Mace, Cass
and Amanda McDaniel

SILVERTON AA and Al-Anon Meetings. Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 23-tfnc

AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitauque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 4-tfnc

Notice of Impoundment of Estray

On the 14th day of March, 2005, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal: Steer
Breed: Charolais
Color: Light Tan
Sex: Male
Age: Yearling
Size Brand, marks, Identifying

Characteristics: None
and, on the 28th day of March, 2005, I filed a NOTICE OF ESTRAY in the Estray Book of Briscoe County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of the recorded brands in Briscoe County, Texas, for the owner of the estray, and contacted local owner of exotic fowl but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the owner of said estray is not determined by the 11th day of April, 2005, said estray will be sold at public auction/Sheriff's sale at Tulia Livestock Auction, Dimmitt Hwy., Tulia, Texas 79088.

Witness my hand this 28th day of March, 2005.

/s/Jeff Fuston

Sheriff of Briscoe County,
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